Defendants' Exhibit 2583

10339 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

January 9, 1934

Dr. E. H. McLean
Oregon City
Oregon

Dear Doctor:

It will be satisfactory for you to proceed with a diagnostic gall bladder X-ray series on Mr. Al Risher, the employee mentioned in your letter of January 5.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.

By (Signed) V. TRULOVE

VT JW

Defendants' Exhibit 2584

10340 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

February 28, 1934

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City
Oregon

Dear Doctors:

You did not send us a hospital ticket covering the case of C. Nichols, employee of Crown Willamette Paper Company who was treated by you in December.

If Mr. Nichols is entitled to services under our contract, he should obtain a hospital ticket from the first-aid nurse and give the same to you. If you secure such a ticket, please send it in to us and we will give further consideration to your bill.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.

By (Signed) V. NELSON

VT JW

Defendants' Exhibit 2585

10341 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

February 17, 1934

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City
Oregon

Dear Doctors:

Enclosed is check for $15.00 covering services rendered Henry E. Jones.

If you feel that this fee is not adequate to take care of the case, we believe that the patient should take care of the excess, as we have an agreement with Dr. Fritz at Cathlamet whereby no additional charges are made if the patients are taken care of by our physicians here.

Mr. Jones should have reported here for treatment if he wished to be taken care of at our expense.

— Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.

By (Signed) V. TRULOVE

VT JW

10343

Industrial Hospital Association
Portland, Oregon

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of 17th and check for fifteen ($15) dollars sent for payment of services for Henry Jones. When he came to me for treatment his treatment was started as a private case and only after the major portion was done did he state that he came under one of your contracts. A letter from you at that time stated that you would take care of the bill for his treatment. His services consisted of radical excision of the part of the hemorrhoidal area because of extensive thrombosis extending well into rectum; a visit to the house and ten or twelve office treatments with several injections. If you had not intended at the time to meet all of this bill it was your place so to state as Mr. Jones is a thoroughly responsible patient and could have been dealt with directly at the time.

Since you have made this decision after your letter of the 17th I believe it is your duty either to pay me the balance which is short by at least ($20) twenty dollars and recover the difference from Mr. Jones, or take the matter up with him directly.

It would be a novel experience at some time to be on the receiving end in case of the doubt in payment of an account.

Very truly yours,

(Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

February 26, 1934.

Dr. Edward H. McLean,
Oregon City, Oregon.

Dear Dr. McLean:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 24, regarding the services rendered by you in the case of Henry Jones.

We accept your viewpoint on the case and enclose our check in payment of the balance due on the account according to the amount you have indicated in your letter.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.

By (Signed) V. TRULOVE

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Defendants' Exhibit 2586

10344 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

March 6, 1934

Dr. Edward H. McLean
Oregon City
Oregon

Dear Doctor:

Confirming our telephone conversation of today, it will be satisfactory for you to proceed with the hemorrhoidectomy

in the case of William Foumal, the employee of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company mentioned in your letter of March 2.

We will take care of your bill on the basis of our usual fees.

Very truly yours,
INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.
By (Signed) V. NELSON

VN JW

Defendants' Exhibit 2588

10345 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

June 28, 1934.

Drs. McLean & Steele,
Oregon City, Oregon,

Dear Doctors:

This letter is being sent to each of the Oregon City doctors in confirmation of the conclusions reached at our monthly meeting last Monday night.

1. A special consultation will be required on all cases that are under treatment longer than one month. When a case has been under treatment one month, the attending physician is to promptly report such case to our office and arrangements will be made for consultation, with a fee of $3.00 for the consulting physician. When deemed advisable two consulting physicians will be appointed. These physicians will make such recommendations as may be indicated.

2. A similar examination and consultation is to be had for all cases requiring more than three weeks' hospitalization.

3. No special nurse can be employed on any case for longer than three days without special authority from our office.

4. In computing the length of time under the above regulations, and also in rendering bills for all cases, use treatment weeks or treatment months and not calendar weeks or months. For instance, if a case is treated the

first time on a Friday and the second time the following Tuesday, that does not constitute two weeks' treatment, as the treatment week would run from Friday to Friday.

We believe the foregoing regulations will be in the interest of everyone concerned and we solicit your fullest cooperation.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.

(Signed) WILL T. KIRK
General Manager

WTK. N

Defendants' Exhibit 2589

10346 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

July 16, 1934

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City
Oregon

Dear Doctors:

With your bills for May services, you sent us a statement for draining hydrocele for Frank Gerkman.

This is a condition which does not come under our modified coverage contract with the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company. Therefore we are not assuming responsibility for your bill covering this condition.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.

By (Signed) W. D. KIRK

WDK JW

Defendants' Exhibit 2590

10347 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

July 18, 1934

Dr. E. H. McLean
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Doctor:

We are enclosing a copy of a letter we are writing today to Dr. Albert Mount, requesting consultation with you in several cases. As you will note by the last paragraph, we are asking him to call you for consultation, but if he does not do this promptly, we will appreciate it if you will get in touch with him regarding the cases mentioned.

The W. R. Money case is the one which we turned down several months ago because it was a condition not coming under our modified contract with the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company. He was originally entered in Hutchinson Hospital and a prostatectomy done. We refused to take care of any of the bills in connection with this operation for the reason that it did not come under our contract.

At a later date, Mr. Money was supposed to have been injured while at home, and he was again entered in Hutchinson Hospital for treatment of "injury to groin." This injury is questionable and we believe that it does not come under our contract. We notified Dr. Albert Mount and Mr. Wilson of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company that we would not take care of any expenses for the second period of hospitalization and doctor's services, unless Mr. Money came to Portland for a complete examination so we could determine whether or not this second period would come under us. As yet, Mr. Money has not come to Portland for this examination.

Dr. Albert Mount's report shows that Mr. Money is now being treated for rheumatism in the right leg, back and hip, and has been treated for this condition since May 24. Before assuming responsibility for these treatments, we will appreciate your making a thorough examination, going into the complete history of the case. If you feel that you do not wish to take the responsibility of this by yourself, we will be glad to appoint another physician to consult with you, also.

We will appreciate very much receiving your reports on these cases after you have consulted with Dr. Albert.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.

By (Signed) V. NELSON
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VN JW

10348 July 18, 1934

Dr. Albert Mount
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Doctor:

We notice on your report of July 14 that you show several cases which have been under treatment for a number of months. These, of course, will require consultation as outlined in our recent letter to you regarding cases under treatment for over one month.

We wish to have Dr. E. H. McLean consult with you on the cases of A. Bauer, being treated for "chronic bronchitis"; J. Johnson, being treated for "sickness"; Guy Richards, being treated for "sickness"; F. Phipps, being treated for "distress in gastric region"; and W. R. Money, being treated for "rheumatism in the right leg, back and hip."

In regard to the Money case, we are not taking care of hospitalization or any other expense in connection with his original prostatic trouble. As stated above, your report shows that Mr. Money is now being treated for rheumatism, but as he has been under your care for over a month for this condition, we wish to have a consultation.

We are writing Dr. McLean today, informing him of our desire to have him consult with you on these cases and will appreciate it if you will get in touch with him promptly, so that the consultation may be had before our monthly meeting.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.

By

VN JW
cc. Dr. McLean

(COPY)

Defendants' Exhibit 2591

10349 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

January 16, 1935

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City
Oregon

Dear Doctors:

We note on your statements for services rendered during the month of November that you aspirated a left hydrocele for Frank Gerkman, an employee of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company. This is a condition which does not come under our contract with Hawley's, so we are omitting remittance for that bill.

In the case of Guy Proffitt, for whom you have billed us for skin tests, may we receive your report on the test given and the results shown?

We note that Andi Kriznik has been under your care for a chest condition since September 4, 1934. If Mr. Kriznik is still under your care, we would like to have you request him to report to our offices in the Medical Arts Building for examination. We wish to keep closer touch with cases which require extended treatment.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.

By (Signed) W. DUANE KIRK

WDK JW

Defendants' Exhibit 2593

10350 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

January 24, 1935

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Doctors:

We have not as yet been able to hold the expense of taking care of our medical service in the Oregon City district within the limits of our gross revenue, and for your gen-

eral information I am enclosing a copy of our statement for November, which is the last statement available.

I am anxious to keep you fully informed because it is going to be impossible to make our medical contracts in that district pay without the honest cooperation of the doctors. I am asking for this cooperation and trust that I will receive it to such an extent that we can bring the costs within reasonable bounds and that I will not be forced to make some other drastic move for the purpose of self-protection.

This letter is being sent to each of the doctors in the Oregon City district.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.

(Signed) WILL T. KIRK
General Manager

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OREGON CITY DISTRICT
FOR NOVEMBER

January 21, 1935

Crown Willamette Paper Co.....	November	$1179.25
	State	271.31
Clackamas Fir Lumber Co.....	November	9.59
	State	32.78
Hawley Pulp & Paper.....	November	1046.31
	State	285.70
Fallert Lumber Co.....	November	45.67
Slyter Bros.....	September	(Not rec'd)
	October	(Not rec'd)
	November	(Not rec'd)
TOTAL REVENUE.....		$2870.61

OUTSIDE EXPENSES

Portland Office	11.95	
Harding Drug Co.	39.90	
Huntley Draper	116.87	
Jones Drug Co.	157.38	
Total Prescriptions		326.10
E. E. Meyers	14.00	
St. Vincent's	34.50	
Hutchinson Hosp.	113.70	
Oregon City Hosp.	239.54	
Total Hospital		401.74
Clarice N. Hatfield	30.00	
Total Special Nurses		30.00
Honeywell Ambulance	9.00	
To Portland & return	14.70	
Dugan Cab	.45	
Total Transportation		24.15
First Aid Supplies from Portland Office	150.99	
Nurses' Salaries	200.00	
Nurses' Laundry	10.37	
Altstock Fay & Co. (belt)	3.50	
Telephone-First Aid Room	2.30	
Physicians & Hospital Supply Co.	.75	
Portland Messenger	.20	
Total First Aid		368.11

Dr. A. A. Witham	6.00	
Dr. N. L. Zimmerman	2.00	
J.A.Harris (refund)	40.00	
Dr. P. G. Brown	50.15	
Dr. L. G. Ice	2.00	
Drs. Krassig & Briggs	21.00	
Dr. R. J. Wilson	12.00	
Dr. Mabel Hardenbrook	6.80	
Dr. A. S. MacDonald	2.00	
Hollister Stier Lab ..	12.00	
10352 TOTAL REVENUE (Carried Forward).....		2870.61
Dr. H. W. Paine	28.00	
Dr. R. L. Eaton	136.50	
Dr. W. A. Roberts	6.50	
Dr. D. S. Graham	3.00	
Portland Clinic	50.00	
Drs. Parker & Kingery	10.00	
Drs. Matson & Bisaillon	37.50	
Total Outside Doctors	425.45	
Total Outside Expenses		1575.55
Amount Paid Doctors		
Dr. L. R. Sweeney	3.75	
Dr. R. E. L. Holt	7.50	
Dr. Chamberlain	1.50	
Dr. G. W. Millett	6.00	
Dr. H. E. Carruth ..	11.25	
Dr. J. G. Cheetham	1.50	
Dr. Albert Mount	312.50	
Dr. C. A. Stuart	86.50	
Drs. Mount & Cleland	441.25	
Dr. W. Ross Eaton	52.25	
Dr. A. H. Huycke	149.25	
Dr. G. H. Strickland	106.75	
Dr. C. H. Meissner	70.50	
Drs. McLean & Steele	189.50	
Total Staff Doctors		1440.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		3015.55
LOSS		144.94

Defendants' Exhibit 2594

10353 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

January 29, 1935

Dr. E. H. McLean,
Oregon City, Oregon.

Dear Dr. McLean:

We are pleased to make reply to your letter of January 25, regarding various changes that were made in your bill for November services and will take up the items in the same order in which they are mentioned in your letter.

CONRAD FONTYN: You state that according to our fee schedule a charge of $5.00 should be allowed, whereas we paid only $3.00. Your bill shows office dressings on November 3 and 5. The fee schedule calls for $2.00 for the first dressing and $1.00 for each additional dressing. Therefore, we do not understand your statement that the fee schedule would call for $5.00.

R. RUSSELL: You billed us for office calls on November 17, 21, and 24 and a residence call on November 30. In your leter you state there were five office calls and one out of town call with mileage of five miles. Your bill shows no mileage and as stated only three office calls and was paid according to our schedule on the basis of that information. If your bill had shown mileage it would have been allowed and on the basis of five miles you should be given $2.50 for the five miles. If there were five office calls, you should send us a corrected bill for the two additional calls not shown on the bill received. We are correcting the bill we have to allow for the mileage which will give you an additional $2.50 on this bill, making a total of $9.00 as against $10.00 which you originally billed.

GRANT DAY: Your bill shows that the wrist was sutured on October 25 and office dressings on October 26 and 31. The bill was paid on the basis of $5.00 for the suturing and $1.00 each for additional office calls, which is according to the schedule. You billed us at $2.00 for each additional office call instead of $1.00. Will you kindly check this with the schedule to see if we are correct?

CHAS. PROFFITT: While our fee schedule allows only $17.50 for a tonsillectomy regardless of whether it is done in the office or at the hospital, your point that when it is done in the office more should be allowed is well taken and

we are willing to add an additional $5.00 to the fee when the operation is done in the office. This would give $22.50 for the operation.

W. H. WALDO: You must have made an error in your comment regarding the payment for this case for the reason that you show the payment was $3.50 whereas the payment was $6.00. Your bill shows a charge of $5.00 for a barium enema on November 5 and a charge of $2.00 for office call on November 22. We allowed the $5.00 charge for the enema and changed the charge for office call from $2.00 to $1.00, making a total of $6.00 instead of the $7.00 fee you billed, so your statement that we paid $3.50 is in error.

10354 ANDI KRIZNIK: In view of your explanation regarding your charges in this case, we are entirely willing to reinstate the charges to $2.00 each instead of $1.00 each as we allowed.

O. J. PERRAULT: The reduction in your bill for this case was probably due to incomplete information given on your bill, for the reason that the bill states only Xray cervical on November 1, for which a charge of $15.00 was made and which was reduced to the schedule to $5.00. On November 2, you show a charge of $2.00 and this was reduced to the regular $1.00 charge. No doubt your bill should have shown a charge for office examination on November 1. The usual fee for such examination would be $3.00, which amount should have been allowed with your bill but was not because it was not shown on the bill. We are including it at this time. However, even the charge of $3.00 does not explain the charge of $15.00 which you made as there is no information on your bill to indicate why such a charge was made.

A. L. STEVENS: In this case you billed us for suturing the ear at the rate of $5.00 which was allowed. Then you billed us for office dressings on November 5, 8, and 10 at $2.00 each, whereas the schedule calls for $1.00 for office calls. Those were the only changes made which reduced the bill from $11.00 to $8.00. As you will see, no change was made in the charge for the suturing.

We are enclosing our check to take care of the fees that have been reinstated as above outlined and also are enclosing copy of each bill as rendered by you and as corrected by us so that you will see exactly the basis on which the corrections were made, and if, after going over these bills, you find that they have not been properly allowed or

that we have not followed the fee schedule as you interpret it, we will appreciate it very much if you will write us again and point out the differences or the writer will come over and go over the matter with you personally.

We certainly appreciate the record you have made in handling our cases and we want to show this appreciation by being entirely fair in the handling of your bills, but at the same time, of course, we are endeavoring to follow a definite fee schedule and that is why we are submitting the complete information of the charges made and invite your further comment.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.

(Signed) WILL T. KIRK
General Manager

WTK.N

10355 Jan. 25-1935

Mr. Will T. Kirk
Industrial Hospital Ass.
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Kirk:

We are in receipt of your check for November accounts. We note several reductions which we feel we are unwarranted, even by your fee schedule, which we feel in many respects is meagre and unjust. For example:

Conrad Fontyn: according to your fee schedule should have been $5.00 and only $3.00 was paid.

R. Russell: there were five office calls, and one out-of-town call, mileage 5 miles. You paid us $6.50.

Grant Day: his case required an emergency trip to the hospital, search for by incision, and ligation of radial artery and suture of wound and after care. The $9.00 asked for, is a very small fee.

Chas. Proffitt: tonsillectomy: this case was done in the office. There should be an adjustment of fee in these cases, where no hospital charge is made against you. The expense of the surgery is carried by us, and the fee should be more than for a hospital case. There is no object in going to

the expense and inconvenience of doing this in the office, if there is no profit attached. At least the difference should be shared.

W. H. Waldow: had complete physical examination, followed by fluoroscopic examination of the G. I. tract. Your payment of $3.50 for this, would barely cover the overhead. The fee of $7.00 which we asked is little enough.

A. Kriznik: has been getting weekly intravenous treatments, under which he has improved greatly. One dollar per treatment is too little for this as it is something that has to be given individual attention, and cannot be delegated to an attendant.

O J. Perrault: you neglected to pay for office care, along with the small fee which you allow for X-Rays.

Defendants' Exhibit 2595

10356 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

November 27, 1935

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City
Oregon

Dear Doctors:

We solicit your cooperation in adhering to the following regulations:

1. All cases requiring major surgery, except in actual emergency, must be reported to the Association for authority before operation is performed.

2. It will be the policy of the Association to require consultation before authorizing major surgery.

3. No operation for hernia will be authorized until the same has been approved by the State Industrial Accident Commission or the Association has had opportunity to make satisfactory investigation.

4. Hospital ticket or treatment order must be obtained in advance of giving treatments, except in cases of actual

emergencies. No bills will be paid without tickets being attached.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) WILL T. KIRK
General Manager

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Defendants' Exhibit 2596

10357 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

April 27, 1936

Drs. McLean and Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Doctors:

We do not have sufficient information in the case of John Herbst, employee of the Crown Willamette Paper Company to intelligently pass upon the bill submitted by you. As the bill now stands, it is very much out of line with our fee schedule, as our schedule would allow $10.00 for the amputation of the finger with a possible $5.00 extra allowance for dressings to the hand.

However in as much as this amount is so much less than the bill which you rendered, we would like to have a detailed report of the nature and extent of the injury and any other information we should have in order to know why the amount of the bill is as much as is shown by you. Upon receipt of a report concerning this case, we will be pleased to make payment of your accounts.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.

By (Signed) V. NELSON

VN M

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10358 May 9, 1936

Industrial Hospital Assn.,
Portland, Oregon.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of recent date regarding the bill we rendered for medical services to Mr. John Herbst. You have made inquiry about the fact that the amount was in excess of that allowed for the amputation of a finger. The amputation of the finger was merely an incident in the care of the hand. He sustained a very severe wound of the hand from running it into a circular saw. The saw penetrated well past the middle of the palm between the index and middle fingers, shattering the index finger causing serious laceration of the palm as well as injuring the middle finger.

It was impossible on account of adjacent structure to do a debouchment and naturally there was considerable sluffing. It required visits at the house and care at the hospital and many office visits requiring a great number of dressings. There was some question for a time that the hand might have to be sacrificed. He has just reached the point where he can be discharged.

I believe this will explain our charge for the amputation of the finger. The fee for amputation you suggested would not cover the expense to us for dressings and supplies.

Respectfully,

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E. H. McLean, M.D.

Mc/S

Defendants' Exhibit 2597

10359 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

May 18, 1936

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City
Oregon

Dear Doctors:

We acknowledge receipt of your bill covering services rendered Alfred Meibs, employee of Clackamas Fir Lumber Company, in March, 1936.

However, you did not give a diagnosis on your bill in this case, and upon receipt of the same we will be in a position to give consideration to your statement.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.

By (Signed) V. NELSON

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10360 May 20, 1936

Industrial Hospital Assn.,
Portland, Oregon.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of May 18, 1936, in which you ask for diagnosis in the case of Mr. Alfred Meibs.

This is to advise you that Mr. Meibs had lobar-pneumonia. I did not feel that Mr. Meibs was physically able to make the trip to the hospital, even by ambulance. The fee charged is much less than it would have been had Mr. Meibs been taken to the hospital. His present condition is very satisfactory.

Respectfully,

Defendants' Exhibit 2598

10361 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

June 3, 1936

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Doctors:

In regard to the case of Ira Smith, employee of Snider Brothers, about whom your office nurse telephoned us today, we wish to advise that we are assuming no responsibility for a hernia operation for any employee of a company outside of your district without having an opportunity to investigate the case before authorizing operation.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.

(Signed) WILL T. KIRK
General Manager

WTK:E

Defendants' Exhibit 2599

10362 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

October 15, 1936

Drs. McLean and Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Doctors:

Will you kindly refer Wayne Bancke to our office here for special examination and questioning in regard to his present employment. It is our understanding that Mr. Bancke is no longer working for the Crown Willamette Paper Company but is working for someone else, and therefore, it is questionable as to whether we will assume any further responsibility for his care.

Until we do have an opportunity to examine him, we will not be responsible for further treatment, and will there-

fore appreciate your asking him to come in as we do not have his address.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.

By (Signed) V. NELSON

VN M

Defendants' Exhibit 2600

10363 Oct. 26, 1936.

Mr. Will T. Kirk,
Industrial Hospital Assn.,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

For a little over a year we have done the work of the Employees Beneficiary Assn. at Hawleys and have found it to be unprofitable from every stand point.

Financially it is unprofitable because even when they pay their stipulated fee schedule there is little profit in it, and when, as they so frequently do, drastically and arbitrarily cut the prices without reference to the kind and amount of work done, we find that we have to do this work for less than it costs us.

Professionally, it is uninteresting because the medical angle is controlled by a group of workmen who, however desireous and consciencious they may be of doing the correct thing, have no knowledge of medical service. They presume to direct what charge is to be made and work that should be done. This is untenable from the stand point of the company physician.

I do not care to be annoyed by continually arguing about the fees, nor do I care to subject my desires in a matter controlled by those that know nothing about medicine.

Consequently will you please notify Hawleys that beginning December 1, 1936, we will no longer accept their requests for treatment. I am sending this letter to you instead of to Hawleys as all our conversations have been with you.

Respectfully,

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Mc/S

Defendants' Exhibit 2601

10364 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

October 29, 1936

Dr. W. O. Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Dr. Steele:

We have your letter of October 26 referring to the reduction in your bill for service to Matt Nelson, employee of the Hawley Pulp and Paper Company. The bills are all on file in the first aid station in Oregon City, but we shall be pleased to take this matter up at our next meeting with the Welfare Board and secure a reconsideration of your bill.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.

(Signed) WILL T. KIRK
General Manager

WTK M

Defendants' Exhibit 2602

10365 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

October 29, 1936

Dr. Edward H. McLean
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Dr. McLean:

I have your letter of October 26 advising of your intention to withdraw from taking care of any cases from the Hawley Pulp and Paper Company under our present setup there.

We are now negotiating renewal of our contract for the Hawley Company, and in that connection I am insisting that the doctors, who are to participate in any distribution of surplus or dividends must sign a new agreement. This agreement will be presented to the doctors within the next few days, and I had intended to call to see you at that time.

I know what your position has been and the only thought I had to present for your special consideration is the fact

that last March there was a distribution of approximately $400.00 to the six physicians who had signed the original agreement. This allowed an increase of 37% on their bills for the preceding six months. There is now another accumulation which will allow distribution of approximately $400.00 to the doctors with a corresponding increase in percentage of their bills. These distributions of surplus help, of course, to put the fees on a little better basis and compensate somewhat for the very close paring that has been done month to month.

If in view of these increases through distribution of surplus you would be willing to join in the agreement and continue to participate I would like very much, of course, to have you do this.

The agreement that the doctors are to sign does not guarantee a surplus, but under the present manner of handling the service it can reasonably be expected that there will be one. On the other hand if there should be a deficit, the doctors participating will also share that

10366 on a pro-rata basis.

Mr. Fidler and I will undoubtedly be ready to call on the doctors either the last of this week or the first of next and will drop in to see you at that time.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.

(Signed) WILL T. KIRK
General Manager

WTK M

10367 Nov. 2, 1936

Mr. Will T. Kirk,
Industrial Hospital Assn.,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of Octoger 29. I do not believe that you fully understand my position in the matter.

While fees enter into it to a great extent, the economic feature of the matter is only a part of it. There is an even more important factor and that is the interference by uniformed third parties not physicians, and the physician, instead of becoming the pilot, has been relegated to the

position of crew, taking direction from a third party who is neither pilot or crew. I do not think good medical work can be done on that basis and I do not intend to try it any longer.

In regard to the financial end of it, when you saw Dr. Guy Mount and me it was agreed that our fees should be on the basis of the fee schedule of the Crown Willamette Paper Co. without any consideration of any split in surplus. I am adverse to signing any agreement that puts a group of workmen in the saddle in a field of which they can have no knowledge. This attitude has no bearing on the integrity or sincerity of those in charge.

I will be glad to discuss the matter further with you personally, but not in conjunction with employees of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Co.

Respectfully,

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E. H. McLean, M.D.

Mc/S

Defendants' Exhibit 2603

10368 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

April 7, 1937

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City
Oregon

Dear Doctors:

In reply to your letter of April 3 regarding the case of Edward Fredericks, employee of the Crown Willamette Paper Company who was injured on August 23, 1936, please be advised that payment of this account has been withheld pending receipt of the X-rays from the Oregon City Hospital. Under dates of October 7 and November 30, and again on March 12, we wrote to the hospital requesting that both X-rays of the feet be forwarded to this office as we needed them to complete our records in the case, and as yet have not received the X-rays.

However, upon receipt of the same we will be in position to make payment of your statements on the basis of our usual fees.

Very truly yours,
INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.
By (Signed) H. KING

HK

10369 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

May 25, 1937

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City
Oregon

Dear Doctors:

Enclosed is check in the amount of $177.50 covering payment of the accounts listed on the check and the attached itemized statement.

Payment of the account of Mr. E. Fredericks has been made on the basis of a flat fee rate for the reduction of the fractures plus an allowance for the residence calls only for after care. We trust this will be satisfactory.

Very truly yours,
INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N.
By (Signed) H. KING

HK

Defendants' Exhibit 2604

10370 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

February 22, 1937

Miss B. Sullivan
c/o Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Miss Sullivan:

The fee of $75.00 which we allowed you in the case of Herbert Ross covered the flat fee for care of the fractured Femur.

However in view of the fact that the man had some body bruises which required attention, in addition to the fractured Femur we will allow a further flat fee of $20.00. This amount will be sent you in our next remittance to you.

Very truly yours,
INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N
By (Signed) V. NELSON

VN:B

Defendants' Exhibit 2605

10371 (Letterhead of Industrial Hospital Association)

September 17, 1937

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Doctors:

We are not making payment of your bill covering services rendered F. Bloomer in August, as we do not take care of work injury cases for employees of the Clackamas Fir Lumber Company.

All bills for occupational injuries for employees of this company should be rendered to the State Industrial Accident Commission at Salem for payment.

Very truly yours,
INDUSTRIAL HOSPITAL ASS'N
By (Signed) V. NELSON

VN:B

Defendants' Exhibit 2606

10372 EDWARD H. McLEAN, M. D.
OREGON CITY, OREGON

December 8, 1930

Mr. C. C. Bechtold,
National Hospital Assoc.
Mohawk Building,
Portland, Oregon.

My Dear Mr. Bechtold:

You will possibly recall that in our conversations last summer, mention was made of the possibility of a group of doctors in this community uniting into an association to act in a manner similar to the one which you represent.

The group of physicians who have decided to do that constitutes that portion of the local men with whom I most prefer to be identified and consequently, I have united with them. That in effect, would make us your active competitors; this being so, I deem it only fair, before we take any active steps to secure contracts, that you have the privilege of informing those concerns whose men we are now taking care of, of this matter so that you may appoint other physicians.

However, there is some possibility that some of your contracts may have been signed with the understanding that certain physicians were to care for the employees under the contract; that being so, we will be willing to serve during the life of these contracts and give the employees the same professional care that we would our private patients.

I am writing this as I do not wish to be in a position both of trying to cooperate and compete without you knowing the situation. Thanking you for past courtesies, I am

Very Truly Yours,

Defendants' Exhibit 2607

10373 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

December 29, 1931.

Dr. E. H. McLean,
Oregon City, Oregon.

Dear Doctor:

We acknowledge your letter of December 26th wherein you call our attention to your reduction made in your statement presented on the account of Marie Hilsenkoff which included a mileage charge. You requested that we advise you of our schedule for mileage.

The Association's rate for mileage is 50¢ per mile one way for mileage outside the City limits. This rate is in accordance with what we paid on the Hilsenkoff case.

We trust this will explain the reduction but in event it is not satisfactory you may call it to our attention again.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W J PAGE
W. J. Page
Office Manager.

WPJ/Mc

Defendants' Exhibit 2608

10374 June 6 1932

Industrial Hospital Association
707 Medical Arts Building
Portland Oregon

Sirs:

I note in your proposed fee schedule for work with the men under contract at the local paper mills that the rates are a reduction of one third from the present State Industrial Accident Commission schedule. The major portion of the work is in office examinations and treatments, for which you allow $2.00 for the first visit, and $1.00 for subsequent visits, against a present rate of $3.00 and $1.50.

The present schedule is low enough, and has been subject to much criticism on account of its fixed low rate and inelasticity for patients requiring more than a snap diagnosis and ready prescription.

Our understanding of this work was that it would be in accordance with the state schedule. While your proposed list does moderately increase some of the individual fees such as for a fractured femur, and approach a fair return for the responsibility connected therewith, you have not adhered to the state schedule in the portions where most of the work is done.

I wish to protest against this arbitrary reduction, and trust that it can be adjusted before the contracts are effective.

Very truly yours,

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Frank R Mount

FRM:D

Defendants' Exhibit 2609

10375 July 16, 1932

Directors of Community Chest Fund
Portland, Oregon

Gentlemen:

I note by the daily papers that various hospitals of Portland have applied for aid from the Community Chest. As a non-resident of Portland, of course, I have nothing to say, but an idea has occurred to me that may be of benefit to you.

It is estimated that the minimum maintenance cost of a ward patient is $3.50 to $4.00 per day and because of the amount of charity work, various hospitals are asking for aid. I thoroughly believe that this is justified, but if it is granted, these hospitals should be required to make at least the basic maintenance charge to commercial organizations, because if they do not these commercial organizations are receiving in charity therefor from the community chest and other benevolent organizations the difference between the basic maintenance charge and the lower charge which they pay.

To be specific: St. Vincent Hospital is now in the habit of charging $2.00 per day to the patients sent them by one of the large hospital associations. This hospital association is using this charge made by the hospital supported largely by charity and endowment to force hospitals throughout the state, which are dependent entirely upon income from patients for their support, to meed this rate that is allowed them through charity.

I believe that in justice to these hospitals that are endeavoring to render a service to the community in which they are located and which also have to do considerable charity work, that institutions like St. Vincent's should be required to charge these organizations the maintenance rate before they are allowed to draw from the Community Chest. Certainly they should be required to pay what the State Accident Commission pays, which is $3.00 per day.

Very truly yours,

EHM:AG

Defendants' Exhibit 2610

10376 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

October 1, 1932

Dr. I. Z. McLean
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Doctor:

For your information I am enclosing copy of letter we have just addressed to Pacific Indemnity Co. that is self-explanatory.

Yours very truly

(Signed) C C Bechtold
General Manager

CCB J
Enc

October 1, 1932

Mr. J. E. Finke, Jr.,
Pacific Indemnity Co.,
400 Failing Bldg.,
Portland, Oregon

Re: Doernbecher Mfg. Co.
New Era Operations

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 30th, referring to the doctors in Oregon City, we agree with you that Dr. Mount and Dr. Cleland are competent.

However, we have also found that Dr. McLean is very reliable and the Association would not look with favor on removing him from our staff at that place. It is probable that you have not met Dr. McLean and if not we believe it would be to your advantage to do so.

Yours very truly

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

General Manager

CCB J
cc to Mr Paul Tauscher, Supt.
Doernbecher Mfg. Co., New Era
cc to Dr I Z McLean, Oregon City

Defendants' Exhibit 2611

10377 EDWARD H. McLEAN, M. D.
R. H. ENGELCKE, M. D.

OREGON CITY, OREGON

Sept. 28-33

Mr. C. C. Bechtold,
National Hospital Ass.
Portland, Oregon,

Dear Mr. Bechtold:

Received your check this morning for several patients covered by N.H.A., and note that the bill sent for Mr. Wm. Striebig, of the Doernbecker Mfg. Plant was reduced from $31.00—which was a very low estimate for our work with this patient, to $19.00. Also that the date on which we

discharged this patient was Aug. 17-33 and the date which you have given as his last was June 8.

Will you please explain the difference? Mr. Striebig asked us to send this bill to you, when he came in to the office on Aug 17-33.

Yours Very Truly

E. B. Hutchins, Secretary.

Defendants' Exhibit 2612

10378 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

December 12, 1933.

Drs. McLean & Steele,
Oregon City, Oregon.

Dear Doctors:

Referring to your letter of November 28th regarding the case of Lawrence A. Allen; we have been advised by the A. W. Bell Lumber Company that this man has been steadily employed since June of this year.

The Association accordingly authorizes the tonsillectomy at a fee of $20.00.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.

(Signed) W J PAGE
W. J. Page
Office Manager.

WJP/Mc

Defendants' Exhibit 2613

10379 June 22, 1935.

Mr. Wm. G. Bolche,
181 Linn Avenue,
Oregon City, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge your letter of June 19th wherein you advise you have been having some trouble with your eyes, and reported to Dr. McLean of Oregon City who seems

to be of the opinion that you should have a hospital certificate filled out by your employer in order to obtain service at the expense of the Association.

Dr. McLean was merely advising you of the practice the Association has followed in the past in its contracts with employers where the employer's office is centrally located and the employes can apply for hospital certificates. In our contract with the State Highway Department, however, the work is so widely scattered that we found it necessary to develop the plan of issuing an individual membership certificate such as you hold.

This certificate contains instructions to the doctor to the effect that all that it is necessary for him to do is to present his statement showing your name and certificate number. The Association has a record of your membership in this office and the usual form of hospital certificate is not required. We are sending a copy of this letter to Dr. McLean and believe if you return to him you will have no difficulty. We would be pleased to have you write us again advising whether or not you received the necessary care.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.

(Signed) W J PAGE
W. J. Page
Service Manager

WJP Mc

Defendants' Exhibit 2614

10380 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

October 8, 1934.

Drs. McLean & Steele,
Oregon City, Oregon.

Dear Doctor:

We are inclosing our check covering payment of the account you submitted for care of Jos. Muylle an employe of the Pendleton Woolen Mills. This man was first treated at the offices of the Association and therefore his treatment by you would be in the way of a subsequent call.

We trust this will explain the reduction made in the account.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.

(Signed) W J PAGE
W. J. Page
Service Manager.

WJP Mc
Enc.

Defendants' Exhibit 2615

10381 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

April 16, 1936

Dr. E. H. McLean,
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Doctor:

I have just read your letter of April 14th and I feel sure that you have misunderstood the intention of Mr. Page's letter of April 3rd. You go to some length to explain your custom in the care of your patients and we have no quarrel with you on that point as we have always found your work quite satisfactory and believe you personally to be square. You then state that "if patients are called into Portland for these examinations, we not only lose contact with them but we do not get any information about them" and indicate that if you cannot follow the cases to a reasonable extent and cannot be trusted you prefer not to take care of any patients for the National.

I am convinced that you have misunderstood Mr. Page and feel, doctor, that from my frequent talks with you you should know that the Association does not indulge in these practices. However, you also should have some patience with the Association's position. You are not the only doctor we are dealing with and we believe you will agree that some doctors are not to be trusted. Also, you should realize that it frequently occurs that men may apply to us for services who are not entitled to the particular services required. As for example, men with old standing chronic conditions who have worked but brief periods and, as the case in question, men who have met with injury and

where the reports should be sent to the State Industrial Accident Commission and not to this Association. These are the reasons why the Association requests doctors to notify us before proceeding with any extensive work. This is not only a protection to the Association but a protection to you since if you did work on a patient who was not entitled to services through the Association, you would be the loser.

I know there is a great deal of controversy regarding the "chiseling hospital associations" but believe, doctor, if you will review your experience with the National Hospital Association you must admit that we try to be fair and so far as I know our relations with you have always been satisfactory.

10382 Referring specifically to the case of Mr. P. O. King, if this man was injured by being struck in the back by a timber as you state in your letter then you should report his case to the State Industrial Accident Commission and send your bill to the Commission as this Association's contract on that job does not apply to injuries sustained during employment.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) C C BECHTOLD
C. C. Bechtold,
General Manager.

CCB:H

Defendants' Exhibit 2616

10383 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

May 4, 1936

Dr. E. H. McLean
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Doctor: Re: B. Arms — Doernbecker Manufacturing Co.

We have your letter of April 27th reporting on the case of B. Arms, an employee of the Doernbecker Manufacturing Company, who has been under your care.

In view of the conditions reported in this case, would it not be well for you to suggest to Mr. Arms that he report to the Association's offices for a thorough examination?

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W J PAGE
W. J. Page
Service Manager

WJP LEH

Defendants' Exhibit 2617

10384 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

October 2, 1936

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Re: P. O. King, employe of
Schetky Lumber Company

Dear Doctors:

We recently received another statement from you for services rendered P. O. King, employe of the Schetky Lumber Company, during the month of February 1936. This account was previously questioned due to the fact that you failed to conform to the Association's regulations, and up to the present time we have no information from the Schetky Lumber Company wihch would indicate Mr. King was entitled to this service at the Association's expense.

We do not, however, care to continue this account further and, consequently, have approved the same for payment, allowing the State fee of $11.25 for X-ray and fluoroscope examination of the stomach and the usual office call fees for subsequent care. This totals your account at $15.25, as per our check enclosed, which we trust you will find satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W. J. PAGE
W. J. Page
Service Manager

WJP/mk

Defendants' Exhibit 2618

10385 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

October 9, 1936

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Re: William Wallace, employe of Schetky Lumber Company

Dear Doctors:

We have received a statement from you for care of William Wallace, reported to be an employe of the Schetky Lumber Company. No hospital certificate was enclosed, and, therefore, we can not pay the account. Please send the certificate in order that this statement may have our attention.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W. J. PAGE
W. J. Page
Service Manager

WJP/mk

Defendants' Exhibit 2619

10386 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

November 30, 1936

Drs. McLean & Steel
Oregon City, Oregon

Re: Coon P. Boyer
A. W. Bell Lumber Company

Dear Doctors:

With reference to your charge for services rendered Coon P. Boyer during October, we are now in receipt of information which indicates the condition for which Mr. Boyer was treated was the result of inhaling oil smoke during the course of his employment. His case therefore should be billed to the State Industrial Accident Commission at Salem, Oregon.

We note you state this patient was also in the hospital and would appreciate your furnishing them with the above information. If you do not hear satisfactorily from the Accident Commission, kindly advise us.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

By (Signed) MILDRED BERGER
Welfare Department

MB:MS

Defendants' Exhibit 2620

10387 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

February 8, 1937

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Re: Coon Boyer, employee of
A. W. Bell Lumber Co.

Dear Doctors:

We received your statement in the amount of $24.50, which was not itemized, for the care of Coon Boyer, an employee of the A. W. Bell Lumber Company and wrote you under the date of December 5th asking you to itemize the service rendered this patient. As this itemized statement has never been received we are enclosing another form for you use in presenting you bill in order that we may give consideration to this account.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W. J. PAGE
W. J. Page
Service Manager

mk

Defendants' Exhibit 2621

10388 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

March 20, 1937

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Re: Rudolph Bigej, employe of Doernbecker Manufacturing Co.

Dear Doctors:

We have received your statement for hay fever vaccine given Mr. Rudolph Bigej, employe of the Doernbecker Manufacturing Company, in the month of February 1937. Apparently this account was submitted to us in error as while the Association did help Mr. Bigej with this matter last year and several years prior thereto, it was definitely understood that we were not to assume the expense of it again. This we confirmed by a letter to you under date of June 4, 1936, a copy of which was sent to Mr. Bigej, and a letter to the Doernbecker Manufacturing Company under date of July 21, 1936.

Under the circumstances we feel that if the account is presented to Mr. Bigej he will be glad to take care of it himself.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W. J. PAGE
W. J. Page
Service Manager

WJP/mk
cc: Mr. Rudolph Bigej
c/o Doernbecker Manufacturing Co.
New Era, Oregon

Mr. Paul Tauscher
c/o Doernbecker Manufacturing Co.
New Era, Oregon

10389 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

April 16, 1938

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Re: Rudolph Bigej, employe of Doernbecker Manufacturing Co.

Dear Doctors:

We received your statement for services rendered Rudolph Bigej of the Doernbecker Manufacturing Company who was given a course of hay fever vaccine March 7 to March 30.

As you know, the Association furnished this service to Mr. Bigej for a number of years in the past, but since it is not a service that is included under the Association's contracts we advised you March 20, 1937—sending a copy of our letter to Mr. Bigej and to Mr. Paul Tauscher—that the Association would not feel it could continue to assume this expense.

We understand that Mr. Bigej paid for the service in 1937, and we would suggest that you present your present bill to him as we are sure he understands he would not be entitled to the service at the Association's expense.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W. J. PAGE
W. J. Page
Service Manager

WJP/mk
cc: Mr. Rudolph Bigej
c/o Doernbecker Manufacturing Co.
New Era, Oregon

Mr. Paul Tauscher
c/o Doernbecker Manufacturing Co.
New Era, Oregon

10390 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

May 3, 1938

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Re: Rudolph Bigej, employe of Doernbecker Manufacturing Co.

Dear Doctors:

We refer you to the case of Rudolph Bigej of the Doernbecker Manufacturing Company, about whom we have had some correspondence concerning hay fever shots. Will you kindly furnish us with an itemized statement of the hay fever shots provided for this man up to date? Also please advise his condition and whether or not his course of treatment has been completed. We enclose a form for your report.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W. J. PAGE
W. J. Page
Service Manager

WJP/mk
Enc. 1

10391 May 10, 1938.

National Hospital Assn.
Mohawk Bldg.
Portland, Oregon

Gentlemen:

Re: Rudolph Bigej

Complying with your request of May 3rd, we are enclosing itemized statement of Mr. Bigej.

It may be necessary to give Mr. Bigej a few more shots for his hay fever, but his condition seems satisfactory at this time, and the shots so far given seem to have carried him thru' the seasonial disturbance.

Very truly yours,

DRS. MCLEAN & STEELE

10392 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

June 9, 1938

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Re: Rudolph Bigej, employe of Doernbecker Manufacturing Co.

Dear Doctors:

Referring to statements you presented for care of Rudolph Bigej, an employe of the Doernbecker Manufacturing Company, which we previously advised you the Association would not assume, we have decided to pay for the administration of the hay fever serum. Mr. Bigej informs us that he paid for the serum. We accordingly enclose our check to cover the administration of the serum which you will note has been paid at the rate we paid in the past—$1.00 per shot.

Trusting this will take care of the matter to your satisfaction, we are,

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W. J. PAGE
W. J. Page
Service Manager

WJP/mk
Enc. 2

10393 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

January 17, 1941

Edward H. McLean, M. D.
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Doctor: Re: Rudolph Bigej

Our Mr. Mihalcik has just related to me his conversation with you the other day in which the matter of Mr. Bigej's account was mentioned. I asked Mr. Mihalcik to call on you and get acquainted, but I don't want you to think that I was trying to tell you how much you should charge Mr. Bigej, especially as Mr. Mihalcik understood from your remarks that Mr. Bigej required special attention.

If such is the case, we of course would want to assume a further charge and will gladly do so through Mr. Bigej if the amount we have allowed is not satisfactory with you. I shall be pleased if you will advise us.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) C C BECHTOLD
C. C. Bechtold
General Manager

CCB-c

Defendants' Exhibit 2622

10400

December 6, 1937.

National Hospital Assn.,
Portland, Oregon.

Re; Mr. Wm. V. Collins

Gentlemen:

On October 15, 1937, you were billed for $8.00 for care received by Mr. Collins at this office. On November 3, 1937, you were again billed for an additional $3.00 for treatment on Oct. 15., making a total of $11.00. On December I received check for only $2.00. Will you please investigate and see if a mistake has been made in your office? If another amount was paid, please let me know how much and when.

Respectfully,

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10401 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

December 7, 1937

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Re: William V. Collins, employe of Eastern & Western Lumber Co.

Dear Doctors:

We have your letter of December 6th regarding bill for William V. Collins which you state was billed to us in the amount of $8.00. We do not find that we received a bill from you for Mr. Collins's care in the amount of $8.00. We did, however, receive a bill for treatment of a cold on October 15th which was billed at $3.00 and paid at $2.00 which is the medical payment for a first office call. If there is an additional account for this patient's care we would suggest you present an itemized statement.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W. J. PAGE
W. J. Page
Service Manager

WJP/mk

Defendants' Exhibit 2623

10402 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

April 26, 1938

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Doctor:

Among bills recently received from you we find the following that do not appear to be proper charges against this Association for the reason that the services rendered were for injuries sustained during and in the course of employment, which are not included under this Association's coverages:

Patient	*Employer*	*Injury*
A. Bradley	Oregon City Sand & Gravel Co.	Injured back

It is our understanding that these cases are covered under the Employer's Workmen's Compensation insurance and your charges should therefore be reported to the State Compensation Department or other Compensation Insurance Carrier as the case may be.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) MIRIAM HAMILTON
Accounting Department

MC:s

Defendants' Exhibit 2624

10403

April 30, 1938

National Hospital Assn.
Mohawk Bldg.
Portland, Oregon

Gentlemen:

In answer to your letter of the 29th regarding Mr. G. J. Moehnke, wish to say that we were unaware that it was necessary to get permission from your office to perform minor surgery, especially when the service was so essential as in Mr. Moehnke's case. Belated authorization is now asked.

In connection with services being rendered to Mr. A. Haen, State Highway employee your number 1163, please be advised that he had a severe case of acute inflamatory rheumatism which started with acute tonsillitis and it was found necessary to perform a tonsillectomy on him during this present month.

If your office will supply us with copy of your rate schedule and copy of your rules, we will endeavor in the future to comply with your requirements, but in both the above instances we feel that the patients are entitled to have the service furnished at your expense.

Very truly yours,

Drs. McLean & Steele

By .....

W

10404 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

May 9, 1938

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Doctors:

We have your letter regarding G. J. Moehnke and A. Hagen, operated by you for removal of tonsils. You ask information concerning the Association's regulations in such cases.

Under our contracts the Association will bear the expense of a tonsillectomy when necessary in the way of treatment for a systemic disease and when an employe has been steadily employed for a period of six months. We require that these cases be reported to us in order to give us an opportunity of making an investigation before the service is rendered. This is protection for the doctor as well as the Association since payment for the service cannot be made unless the patient is eligible to it.

In both cases reported, since the operations have already been performed, we will make our investigation and advise you whether or not we can be responsible for the expense of same.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W J PAGE
W. J. Page
Service Manager

WJP/mk

10405 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

May 24, 1938

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Re: G. J. Moehnke, employe of
Schetky Logging Company

Dear Doctors:

We recently had correspondence with you concerning a tonsillectomy performed for G. H. Moehnke, an employe of

the Schetky Logging Company, on March 23. We explained in our letter of May 9 that the Association's contracts do not provide for tonsillectomies except under certain conditions and when an employe has been steadily employed for a period of six months. We advised that for this reason it was necessary that cases of this kind be reported and authority obtained before the service is rendered.

We find upon investigation in the Moehnke case that this man was employed three days only during the month of March, and, therefore, he would not have been entitled to an operation for removal of his tonsils at the expense of the Association. We regret we are unable to take care of this account for you but believe you will understand our reasons for not being able to do so. In the future please report such cases in order that an investigation may be made before the service is rendered.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W J PAGE
W. J. Page
Service Manager

WJP/mk

10406

May 27, 1938

Mr. Gerhart J. Moehnke
RFD 1,
Beavercreek, Oregon

Dear Mr. Moehnke:

The National Hospital Association has advised us that they are not obliged to pay for your tonsillectomy, in as much as you worked only three days during the month of March.

This seems like a rather flimsy excuse, and we would suggest that you take the matter up with them direct and see if you cannot force them to comply with the terms of their contract with you.

The amount billed them was $35.00.

Shall be glad to aid you with any further information we have.

Very truly yours,

E. H. McLean, M. D.

10407 Aug. 13, 1938

Gerhart Moehnke
Beaverbrook, Oregon

Dear Mr. Moehnke:

We have not yet received your National Hospital Assn. treatment requisition for the month of July covering the injury to your finger on July 5th. Please see that your company mails this to us at a very early date.

The National has not yet paid us for your tonsil operation, and we are wondering what progress you have made with them in regard to a reconsideration of their decision.

Yours very truly,

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10408 Aug. 27, 1938

Mr. W. J. Page,
Mgr.
National Hospital Assn.
Mohawk Bldg.
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Page:

Mr. G. J. Moehnke, employee of the Schetky Logging Co. was in this morning in response to a letter to him regarding tonsillectomy performed on him in March of this year. He expressed surprise at the contents of your letter of May 24th, and states that he was in the employ of the Schetky Co. for a period of more than a year prior to the operation.

He asks that we write you again, urging you to reconsider your decision, and we wish you would give this case a little more tho't, and write us what your decision is, sending a copy of the letter to Mr. Moehnke c/o Schetke Log. Co. at Wemme.

Very truly yours,

E. H. McLean, M.D.

10409 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

August 30, 1938.

Dr. E. H. McLean,
Oregon City, Oregon.

Dear Doctor:

We received your letter of August 27th having further reference to the case of G. J. Moehnke an employe of the Schetky Logging Company. As related in previous correspondence, this case was not reported to the Association and therefore the tonsil operation was not authorized at the Association's expense.

Regardless of this fact, we advised that an investigation would be made and if we found Mr. Moehnke otherwise elligible to the service at our expense, the account would be paid. Our investigation, however, indicated Mr. Moehnke not to be elligible to the service and we therefore denied the account. If this man can furnish us any proof to the effect that he is elligible for the service, we will be glad to reconsider the matter.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W J PAGE
W. J. Page, Manager
Department of Claims

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Defendants' Exhibit 2625

10410 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

May 27, 1938

Drs. McLean & Steele
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Doctors:

We wrote you May 9 regarding two cases—G. J. Moehnke and A. Hagen. We explained the Moehnke case in a previous letter and now find that A. Hagen has been a member of the Association for a sufficient period to entitle him treatment at its expense. Consequently we will assume the

expense of his care in accordance with the usual fees paid for such services. Please advise the distance on home visits charged. This information is not shown on your bill.

We also received a statement from Dr. G. H. Strickland for full mouth X-rays in the Hagen case. Will you please advise if you requested this X-ray examination in connection with your diagnosis of Mr. Hagen's case?

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W J PAGE
W. J. Page
Service Manager

WJP/mk

10411 June 1, 1938

National Hospital Association
Mohawk Bldg.
Portland, Oregon

Re: *A. Hagen*

Gentlemen:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 27th. Mr. Hagen lives about a mile from our office, just within the city limits of Oregon City.

When Mr. Hagen first complained of illness, Dr. Steele suggested that he consulted his dentist. We were not aware that his dentist found it necessary to have X-rays taken. No doubt Dr. Strickland will give you full details about them if you need any further information.

Very truly yours,

DRS. MCLEAN & STEELE

By .....

Defendants' Exhibit 2626

10412 Feb. 1, 1939

Mr. W. J. Page,
National Hospital Assn.
Mohawk Bldg.
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Mr. L. L. Cooper, employee of P. W. Lumber Company came in first on November 5th, 1938 and was treated for discharging ear. He was treated again on November 12th and 19th, and on December 1, 1938 we billed you for the services, $6.50. The case was continued over to December, his last treatment being on December 10th. He has not been in since. He submitted his requisition for both November and December and they were mailed to you along with the statements on December 1, and January 1st.

Trust this information will enable you to locate the account.

Yours very truly,

E. H. McLean, M.D.

10413 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

February 7, 1939

E. H. McLean, M. D.
Oregon City, Oregon

Re: L. L. Cooper, employe of
P. W. Lumber Company

Dear Doctor:

We received your letter concerning account presented for L. L. Cooper, an employe of the P. W. Lumber Company. We had previously written you advising our contract with this company expired as of November 29 and Mr. Cooper would not be entitled to treatment at the expense of the Association during the month of December. You advised, however, that you had previously treated this man in November for the same condition. We do not find we received a statement from you for the November service and would suggest you send us an itemized statement

showing the entire service rendered this patient by use of the enclosed form.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W J PAGE
W. J. Page, Manager
Department of Claims

WJP/mk
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10414 Feb. 8, 1939

Mr. W. J. Page, Mgr.
Department of Claims
National Hospital Assn.
Portland, Ore.

Dear Sir:

Re: L. L. Cooper,
Emp. P. W. Lumber Co.

As requested by you I am enclosing a copy of our bill to you of the services rendered to Mr. Cooper in November and December, 1938.

Very truly yours,

E .....
Bookkeeper

Defendants' Exhibit 2627

10415 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

June 1, 1939

Drs. Wilson and Rankin
Coquille, Oregon

Dear Doctors:

It has come to my attention that several times recently you boys have performed operations without first taking the matter up with this Association as is required.

I know you are not doing this intentionally but this is one regulation that we must insist upon being complied

with—otherwise the Association cannot assume the charges.

A recent case is the case of Chuck Murphy on whom I understand you operated for hemorrhoids.

Exceptions are always made in emergencies if, after investigation, it is shown that the person is eligible to care at the Association's expense. Will you please mention this to the other boys and let us have your cooperation in the future.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) C C BECHTOLD
C. C. Bechtold
General Manager

CCB B

Defendants' Exhibit 2628

10416 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

January 16, 1939

Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon

Dear Friends:

For reasons you will understand, and beginning with January 1, 1939, the National Hospital Association will require that pathological reports by recognized pathologists accompany all bills containing charges for surgery, and will also require that X-ray films with complete readings and copies of laboratory findings accompany all bills containing charges for X-ray and laboratory examinations.

May we have your fullest cooperation in this matter in order that payment of your accounts may be facilitated.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) C. C. BECHTOLD
C. C. Bechtold
General Manager

CCB:mcp

Defendants' Exhibit 2629

10417 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

June 21, 1939

Drs. Wilson & Rankin
Coquille, Oregon

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter we have just addressed to your hospital regarding pathological reports. I am sure that you, as surgeons, will agree that our request is in keeping with recognized practices of well regulated hospitals and we feel sure we will have your cooperation.

Will you please take this up with the hospital so that we may have the reports requested?

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) C C BECHTOLD
C. C. Bechtold
General Manager

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10418 June 21, 1939

Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon

Dear Friends:

On three bills recently received and which contained charges for surgery, we fail to find pathological reports as per our notice to you of January 16. We will, therefore, be unable to accept charges until pathological reports are furnished.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

C. C. Bechtold
General Manager

CCB:s

Defendants' Exhibit 2630

10419 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

February 20, 1939

Dr. M. Earl Wilson
Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon

Dear Dr. Wilson:

With reference to the pathological reports that the Association has found necessary to request in surgical cases, could you not arrange to have these examinations made by one of the recognized pathologists? I understand this is the practice of a number of hospitals in Oregon who do not maintain pathological laboratories. Dr. C. H. Manlove of the Good Samaritan Hospital does a lot of this work.

I am sure, Dr. Wilson, that you appreciate why it is necessary for us to have this information.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) C C Bechtold
C. C. Bechtold
General Manager

CCB:mcp

Defendants' Exhibit 2631

10420 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

September 26, 1939

Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon

Dear Friends:

We are furnishing you herewith instructions for mailing tissues that are being sent for pathological examination. These instructions were furnished to us by Dr. Thomas D. Robertson, Pathologist at the St. Vincent's Hospital, and because of Dr. Robertson's recognized pathological standing, we believe his instructions are reliable. Therefore, in the future please see that they are followed when sending specimens on this Association's account either to this office or direct to the pathologist.

The reason we are calling this to your attention is that the specimen sent us on the case of Raymond Tewelle was in such a bad state of decomposition that it was impossible to make an examination. This probable is due somewhat to the fact that it did not reach us until more than two weeks after the operation was performed. In the future, specimens must be mailed not later than twenty-four hours after the operation is performed. Please let us have your cooperation in this very important matter.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) C C BECHTOLD
C. C. Bechtold
General Manager

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Defendants' Exhibit 2632

10421 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

December 17, 1938

M. Earl Wilson, M.D.
Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon

Re: Roy Bracelin
Smith Wood-Products Company, Inc

Dear Doctor:

My attention is called to the frequency in which you place members of the Association in private rooms. I have before me now your letter reporting on the case of Roy Bracelin, employee of the Smith Wood-Products Company, Inc., whom you are treating for pleurisy.

Recently there were several other cases reported as being in private rooms that do not come within the private room provision of the contracts.

For your information, the contract limits private rooms to those cases where the patient's condition is of such a serious nature as to require quiet surroundings, and the Association is obliged to limit this service to those cases. Of course there is nothing in the contracts to deny the em-

ployee the privilege of being treated in a private room at his own expense, and in which case the Association would pay the rate of the ward service notwithstanding.

I am sorry that we will be unable to assume a private room charge for Roy Bracelin.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) C C BECHTOLD
C. C. Bechtold
General Manager

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Defendants' Exhibit 2633

10422 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

December 28, 1938

Dr. M. Earl Wilson
Coquille, Oregon

Re: Lloyd Umbrell

Dear Doctor:

We have your letter reporting on the above patient for whom you recommend tonsillectomy in the treatment of an infected ear drum.

In reply, we have no information regarding this man's period of employment which is necessary before we can determine his eligibility to tonsillectomy at our expense but since Mr. Umbrell desires the operation at once, we suggest you proceed at the patient's expense with the understanding that the Association will assume the case if our investigation proves him to be eligible.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) MILDRED BERGER
Welfare Department

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Defendants' Exhibit 2634

10423 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

December 28, 1938

Dr. M. Earle Wilson
Coquille, Oregon

Re: John Kirk

Dear Doctor:

We have just learned that Mr. Kirk on whom you operated for appendicitis remained in the hospital until about December 19th.

This seems rather a long period of hospitalization for a case of this kind unless, of course, there were unusual complications. Will you, therefore, kindly furnish us a detailed report of Mr. Kirk's condition—including the operative findings.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) MILDRED BERGER
Welfare Department

MB

Defendants' Exhibit 2635

10424 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

December 30, 1938

Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon

Re: Mrs. Hazel Bennett

Dear Friends:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter reporting the admittance to your hospital of Mrs. Hazel Bennett. Her eligibility to care at the expense of this Association is being investigated and in the meantime we would like to have a

copy of the surgical record, pathological report and findings of the white and differential count.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) MILDRED BERGER
Welfare Department

MB

Defendants' Exhibit 2636

10425 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon

Re: Hazel Bennett
Roy Kelly
Clyde Bennett

Dear Friends:

We acknowledge receipt of [redacted] operative records and laboratory findings on the above cases but you overlooked forwarding the pathological reports. Will you kindly send these at your early convenience.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) MILDRED BERGER
Welfare Department

MB

Defendants' Exhibit 2637

10426 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

March 6, 1939

Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon

Re: Paul McKay, employe of
Oregon State Highway Dept.

Gentlemen:

We received a report from you to the effect that Paul McKay, an employe of the Oregon State Highway Commission, was admitted to your hospital February 17 for a tonsillectomy by Dr. M. Earl Wilson. We find no record in this office of this case having been reported to us or that the Association authorized a tonsillectomy at its expense.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W J PAGE
W. J. Page, Manager
Department of Claims

WJP/mk

Defendants' Exhibit 2638

10427 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

March 14, 1939

M. Earl Wilson, M. D.
Coquille, Oregon

Re: Paul McKay, employe of
Oregon State Highway Dept.

Dear Doctor:

We received your letter reporting regarding Paul McKay, an employe of the Oregon State Highway Commission, for whom you removed tonsils on February 17. You advise this operation was recommended by Dr. Barkwill before proceeding with the treatment of the man's nose.

The Association will bear the expense of this operation, but since you are familiar with our regulations which require that cases of this kind be reported and authority obtained prior to the time the service is rendered, we request your cooperation in all future cases.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W J PAGE
W. J. Page, Manager
Department of Claims

WJP/mk

Defendants' Exhibit 2639

10428 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

March 24, 1939

Dr. J. D. Rankin
Coquille, Oregon

Re: Roger Tenney, employe of Smith Wood-Products, Inc.

Dear Doctor Rankin:

There is a case in the Belle Knife Hospital under the care of Dr. Richmond that we would like to have examined by you. The patient is Roger Tenney, employe of Smith-Wood Products, Inc., who entered the hospital on February 4th with a cardiac lesion which Dr. Richmond reports followed a severe attack of influenza.

We understand that Mr. Tenney is able to be up and around, but in a recent report from Dr. Richmond he states that the patient "will not be ambulatory for a long time." Our purpose in having this examination is to determine the exact condition of this patient and the cause of the suggested long period of hospitalization and if it is found that the patient is really in a critical condition we probably will ask that he be transferred.

If it is agreeable with you to make this examination please advise us and we will notify Dr. Richmond that we have requested your doing so.

Your very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) C C BECHTOLD
C. C. Bechtold
General Manager

CCB:mcp

Defendants' Exhibit 2640

10429 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

April 7, 1939

M. Earl Wilson, M. D.
Coquille, Oregon

Re: F. M. Wheaton, employe of Smith Wood-Products, Inc.

Dear Doctor:

We received your letter regarding F. M. Wheaton, an employe of the Smith Wood-Products Company, who you state is now under your care but was formerly treated at the Veteran's Hospital for the same condition. We requested a report from the Veteran's Hospital but were unable to obtain any information as the hospital will not furnish their records except on request of the patient. In view of the fact that this man was treated at the Veteran's Hospital it would seem that his condition pre-existed his employment with the Smith Wood-Products Company, under which circumstance he would not be entitled to treatment at the Association's expense. We suggest you contact the Veteran's Hospital for further information on the case.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W J PAGE
W. J. Page, Manager
Department of Claims

WJP/mk

Defendants' Exhibit 2641

10430 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

April 10, 1939

Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon
Re: C. F. Helvie

Dear Friends:

We note on your report on the above patient you state he occupied a private room. Will you kindly furnish us a report showing why it was necessary for Mr. Helvie to have private room care.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) MILDRED BERGER
Welfare Department

MB

Defendants' Exhibit 2642

10431 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

May 27, 1939

Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon

Re: Chuck Murphy

Dear Friends:

We acknowledge receipt of your admission notice on the above patient.

His eligibility to care at our expense will be investigated at once. Meantime will you kindly forward us a copy of the surgical record.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) MILDRED BERGER
Welfare Department

MB

Defendants' Exhibit 2643

10432 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

June 7, 1939

Dr. J. D. Rankin
Coquille, Oregon

Re: Lawrence Kierstine

Dear Doctor:

Under date of April 7th we wrote the Coquille Hospital requesting copies of the operative record, pathological report and findings of the white and differential count on the above case but to date have not received these reports.

Will you kindly call this to their attention so that your bill can be given our consideration.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) MILDRED BERGER
Welfare Department

MB

Defendants' Exhibit 2644

10433 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

July 10, 1939

Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon

Re: Robert Arts

Dear Friends:

Will you kindly forward a copy of the pathological report on the above case as requested in our letter of March 2nd.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) MILDRED BERGER
Welfare Department

MB

Defendants' Exhibit 2645

10434 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

July 13, 1939

Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon
Re: LeRoy Kolkhorst
Charles Stauff

Dear Friends:

With reference to the private rooms for the above cases for which you have charged during their entire periods of hospitalization—as you know the Association assumes private room charges only in those cases where the nature of the condition is so serious that quiet surroundings and special care are required.

In the case of Kolkhorst we notice the patient suffered a fractured skull and therefore assume his condition was quite serious at the time he entered the hospital and are allowing private room up to and including the tenth day, as since the man was discharged on the 15th we feel his condition must have ben improved.

On the case of Charles Stauff, here again the man remained in the private room for the entire period and as we have no information as to the seriousness of the case we are requesting our representative, Miss Eaton, to call on you and review the charts.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W J PAGE
W. J. Page, Manager
Department of Claims

WJP B

Defendants' Exhibit 2646

10435 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

July 15, 1939

Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon

Re: Oscar Homenyke

Dear Friends:

On your bill for services rendered Oscar Homenyke you charged for two x-rays of the chest. Will you kindly forward these films at your early convenience.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) MILDRED BERGER
Mildred Berger
Welfare Department

MB:gh

Defendants' Exhibit 2647

10436 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

July 31, 1939

Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon

Re: Archie Vettengl
Albert Rhule

Dear Friends:

With reference to your admission notices on the above cases—we are immediately investigating their eligibility to care at our expense. However, if Mr. Vettengl was injured during working hours his case would be directly under the State Industrial Accident Commission to whom all reports and charges should be sent.

In the meantime will you please forward us copies of the pathologic report and findings of the white and differential count on Mr. Rhule.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) MILDRED BERGER
Welfare Department

MB

Defendants' Exhibit 2648

10437 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

July 31, 1939

M. Earl Wilson, M. D.
Coquille, Oregon

Dear Doctor:

In presenting a statement for care of Clara Pierce, an employe of the Smith Wood-Products Company, you advised this patient should have specialist's care. You did not furnish any information as to the condition from which she is suffering or the kind of a specialist to whom you would like to refer her. If Miss Pierce desires to come to Portland, and is entitled to service at the Association's expense, we will arrange for any care she may require.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W. J. PAGE
W. J. Page, Manager
Department of Claims

WJP/mk

Defendants' Exhibit 2649

10438 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

August 3, 1939

J. D. Rankin, M. D.
Coquille, Oregon

Dear Doctor:

You billed us for services rendered Yale Redifer and C. E. Crawford, employes of the Smith Wood-Products Co. This service included X-rays, but the films have not been received at this office. Please send the films in order that your accounts may have our attention.

In the future please be particular to attach X-ray films to your bills in order to assure prompt payment of them.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W. J. PAGE
W. J. Page, Manager
Department of Claims

WJP/mk

Defendants' Exhibit 2650

10439 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

August 15, 1939

Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon

Re: Mrs. Louise Brown

Dear Friends:

Will you kindly forward us copies of the pathological report and findings of the white and differential count on the case of Mrs. Louise Brown.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) MILDRED BERGER
Mildred Berger
Welfare Department

MB:gh

Defendants' Exhibit 2651

10440 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

August 16, 1939

Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon

Re: Orlando G. Anderson

Dear Friends:

We acknowledge receipt of your admission notice on the case of Orlando G. Anderson. Will you kindly forward us a copy of the operative record and findings of the white and differential count on this patient.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) MILDRED BERGER
Mildred Berger
Welfare Department

MB:gh

Defendants' Exhibit 2652

10441 Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

August 30, 1939

M. Earl Wilson, M. D.
Coquille, Oregon

Dear Doctor:

You sent us a statement for care of Mae Waggoner, treated by you June 21, 26, and 28. Will you please advise us the condition for which Miss Waggoner was under your care in order that we may give consideration to your account?

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W. J. PAGE
W. J. Page, Manager
Department of Claims

WJP/mk

Defendants' Exhibit 2653

10442 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

September 19, 1939

Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon

Re: LeRoy Kolkhorst

Dear Friends:

To date we have not received the x-rays taken on the case of LeRoy Kolkhorst. Will you kindly forward at your early convenience.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) MILDRED BERGER
Mildred Berger
Welfare Department

MB:gh

Defendants' Exhibit 2654

10443 Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

October 9, 1939

J. D. Rankin, M. D.
Coquille, Oregon

Dear Doctor:

Following receipt of your letter of October 2 regarding Frank Robison, we referred this file to our medical adviser who informs us you are correct in reporting the operation as a major one. We have accordingly placed your claim in line for payment at a fee of $57.50 including the assistant's fee. The operative fee in this case as in all flat fee cases includes examination and diagnosis.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W. J. PAGE
W. J. Page, Manager
Department of Claims

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10444 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

September 30, 1939

J. D. Rankin, M. D.
Coquille, Oregon

Dear Doctor:

We received a statement from you for care of Frank Robison, an employe of the Smith Wood-Products Company, whom you operated for a thyro-glossal cyst August 5. Your charge for care of this case seems to be out of proportion for services rendered when comparing it with other fees paid by the Association for similar conditions. There is a charge of $2.00 for examination on August 4, a charge of $50.00 for operation on August 5, and an assistant's fee of $7.50. Our understanding of the operation is that it would be considered a minor one. Therefore, an assistant's fee would not be in order, and the operative fee of $50.00, which would also include examination and diagnosis, is far in excess of what would ordinarily be paid.

Will you please review this account again and advise us if there was not an error made in presenting it?

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) W. J. PAGE
W. J. Page, Manager
Department of Claims

WJP/mk

10445 October 2, 1939

National Hospital Association
Mohawk Building
Portland, Oregon

Attention: Mr. W. J. Page

Dear Mr. Page: Re: Frank Robison

In reply to your letter of September 30, I do not feel that a fee of $50.00 for the removal of a thyro-glossal duct is excessive. This operation is certainly as difficult as the removal of a thyroid and certainly much more

difficult than an appendectomy. I am sure that if you will ask any of the Doctors on your staff, who are in the habit of doing general surgery, that they will agree to this.

Yours truly,

J. D. Rankin, M.D.

JDR:VR

Defendants' Exhibit 2655

10446 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

October 16, 1939

Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon

Gentlemen: Re: Kenneth King

We have not yet received the x-rays on the case of Kenneth King. Will you kindly forward them at your earliest convenience so that this account can be approved for payment?

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) MILDRED BERGER
Mildred Berger
Welfare Department

MB:dm

Defendants' Exhibit 2656

10447 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

October 30, 1939

L. B. Gould, M. D.
Coquille, Oregon

Dear Doctor:

You wrote us reporting that Floyd Wethze of the L. M. Owens Mill was in to see you, and in your opinion he should have a dental x-ray examination. If Mr. Wethze is an employe of this company and has been steadily employed for a period of six months he would be entitled to treat-

ment at the expense of the Association for chronic conditions including the extraction of abscessed teeth when necessary in the way of treatment.

We have no information regarding Mr. Wethze's employment period with this company, but it will be satisfactory with us for you to have the dental x-rays provided the man can establish his eligibility to the service at our expense.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

Very truly yours,

(Signed) W. J. PAGE
W. J. Page, Manager
Department of Claims

WJP/mk

Defendants' Exhibit 2657

10448 (Letterhead of National Hospital Association)

November 7, 1939

Dr. M. Earl Wilson
Coquille, Oregon

Re: Chester D. Little

Dear Doctor:

I have just read your report on the case of Chester D. Little and notice your explanation that you felt it necessary to place him in a private room because he was suffering from a bleeding ulcer.

We would like to grant your request but we understand Mr. Little's condition did not warrant private room within the meaning of the contract which, as you know, limits private rooms to those cases of a critical nature. Therefore, the Association will be unable to assume this additional charge.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) C. C. BECHTOLD
C. C. Bechtold
General Manager

CCB B

Defendants' Exhibit 2658

10449 November 10, 1939

Coquille Hospital
Coquille, Oregon

Re: Paul Roberts

Dear Friends:

We are informed that Paul Roberts who was admitted to your hospital on November 5th for treatment of injuries received in an automobile accident on that date, has filed a claim with his insurance company covering the expense of his medical and hospital bills.

We furnish you this information so that you and the attending doctors can protect your accounts, since under the subrogation clause of the Association's contracts the Association is relieved of bearing the medical expense where a patient recovers from a third party.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

(Signed) MILDRED BERGER
Welfare Department

MB
cc Dr. Wilson
Dr. Stark

Dear Dr. Stark:

The x-rays have not yet arrived but undoubtedly will
10446 Letterhead of National Hospital
be here tomorrow. As soon as they are received and read we will forward you a copy of the findings.

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Gentlemen:

Under separate cover you will find two sets of X-Rays, compiling anterior, posterior, and lateral views of the lumbar region of Mr. Paul Roberts.

Mr. Roberts was in an automobile accident in North Bend on November 5, 1939 and received what he thought was a sprained back. Examination of his back, at the time, revealed a very tender area over the lateral transverse process of the fourth lumbar vertebrae. There is seemingly some crepitation near the spine. I took some X-Rays at the time and found what I thought was a crack in the transverse process and one in the left lateral lamina of the spinous process of the fourth lumbar vertebrae.

This man was put to bed with a board under the mattress. He improved so rapidly that he did not think that he had any fractured bones in his back and demanded another examination, which Miss. Eaton allowed.

Doctor Gerald Stark, of this city, examined him and took X-Rays(these X-Rays are enclosed). His opinion was that there was no fracture; but when we compared pictures, we practically ruled out the fracture of the transverse process of the lumbar vertebrae and made out, what seemingly was a fracture of the left lateral lamina.

Will you please look these pictures over and send us your opinion as soon as possible, because we are awaiting your decision.

Very truly yours,

M. Earl Wilson, M.D.

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